

# American Rescue Plan Act

Guide for Delaware County Community Members



# Introduction

Welcome, and thank you for taking the time to view this presentation. Our goals are to provide an overview of the requirements for the \$110M in funds Delaware County will receive under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), summarize of the uses to-date, and seek your input on potential uses for the remaining funds. Please send your ideas to [ARPA@co.Delaware.pa.us](mailto:ARPA@co.Delaware.pa.us). In forming your thoughts, you may want to refer to the ARPA Recovery Plan, which is available at [www.delcopa.gov/pdf/ARPARecoveryPlan\\_August2021.pdf](http://www.delcopa.gov/pdf/ARPARecoveryPlan_August2021.pdf)



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# ARPA Overview – General Information

- ARPA provides funds to local governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs.
- ARPA establishes four general categories of uses for funds (see next page).
- ARPA funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.
- Recipients must submit a Quarterly Project and Expenditure Report starting on January 31, 2022.
- Recipients must provide a Recovery Plan Performance Report by July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The County's first report is posted on the County's web page.
- Delaware County will receive a total of \$110,083,961.



# ARPA Overview – Allowable Uses

- Revenue Loss with broad discretion to provide government services
- Response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts
- Premium pay for certain eligible workers performing essential work performed at any time since the start of the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure
- Costs to administer the program are allowable



# Updated US Treasury Guidance

(Final Rule Released January 7, effective April 1)

- Public Health and Negative Economic Impacts
  - Funds may be used for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response.
  - Expanded set of “impacted” and “disproportionately impacted” households and communities which are eligible for a broader set of uses of ARPA funds, including affordable housing, child care, early learning services, and community development/neighborhood revitalization.
  - Provides a broader set of uses to restore and support government employment.
- Premium Pay
  - Broadens the share of essential workers who can receive premium pay without a justification while maintaining a focus on lower-income and front line essential workers.



# Updated US Treasury Guidance (continued)

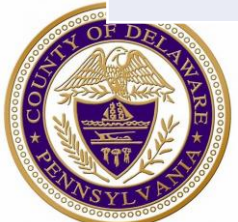
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- Revenue Loss
  - Final rule allows a standard allowance of \$10M over the entire performance period (2020 through 2024), allowing recipients to choose between the standard amount or a full revenue loss calculation. Not likely to be useful for Delaware County.
- Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure
  - Significantly broadens eligible broadband infrastructure to address challenges with access, affordability, and reliability.
  - Adds additional eligible water and sewer infrastructure investments, including a broad range of lead remediation and stormwater management projects.



# Current County Commitments/Allocations (2021)

Category	Agency	Projects/Initiatives	Amount
<b><i>Commitments through 12/2021</i></b>			
		<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$55,041, 980</b>
Negative Economic Impacts	Recorder of Deeds	e-Records Management	496,300
	Workforce Development	Back to Work	410,000
	EDOB/Commerce Center	Holiday Village	449,075
	EDOB/Commerce Center	Small Business	250,000
Public Health	Delaware County Health Department	COVID/Operating/Start-Up/Capital Expenses	6,120,800
Infrastructure	Planning	Greenways/Open Space	1,907,375
		<b>TOTAL COMMITTED</b>	<b>\$9,633,550</b>
		<b>TOTAL CARRY FORWARD</b>	<b>\$45,408,430</b>
		<b>TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$55,041,980</b>
		<b>TOTAL FUNDS TO BE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$100,450,410</b>



# Budgeted County Commitments/Allocations (2022)

Category	Agency	Projects/Initiatives	Amount
		<b>TOTAL FUNDS TO BE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$100,450,410</b>
<i>Uses Approved in FY2022 Budget</i>			
Negative Economic Impacts	Budget Management	Calculated Revenue Loss – FY2022 Budget	8,040,000
	Human Services	Child Care Professional Network – Council Approved	5,000,000
Public Health	Health Department	Operating Costs – FY2022 Budget	7,910,000
	District Attorney	Gun Violence Prevention Program – FY 2022 Budget	1,000,000
	Budget Management	COVID Response Costs – FY 2022 Budget	2,500,000
		<b>TOTAL COMMITTED in FY2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$24,450,000</b>
		<b>TOTAL REMAINING</b>	<b>\$76,000,410</b>





# Projected County Commitments/Allocations (2023-2024)

<i>Proposed Uses Going Forward</i>			
		<b>TOTAL REMAINING</b>	<b>\$76,000,410</b>
Negative Economic Impacts	Budget Management	Estimated Revenue Losses Remaining (2023-2024)	\$9,460,000
Public Health	Health Department	Operating Costs (2023-2024)	15,000,000
	COVID Task Force	Ongoing COVID Response	5,000,000
Administrative Expenses	Budget Management	Estimated at ~2% of Total	2,000,000
		<b>TOTAL ALLOCATED NOT YET BUDGETED</b>	<b>\$31,460,000</b>
		<b>TOTAL REMAINING UNALLOCATED</b>	<b>\$44,540,410</b>



# Potential Uses of Remaining Funds by Category

Category	Program	Agency	Amount
Public Health/Negative Economic	Economic Development	Commerce Center	\$36,000,000
	Community Justice	Public Defender	4,000,000
TOTAL REQUESTS RECEIVED			\$40,000,000
TOTAL UNALLOCATED			\$44,450,410
AMOUNT UNDER/ <b>OVER</b> PROGRAMMED			\$4,450,410

- County Council is seeking community input on potential uses of the \$44.5M in remaining funding.
- Please submit your ideas to [ARPA@co.Delaware.pa.us](mailto:ARPA@co.Delaware.pa.us), including the following:
  - Description of how your idea relates to the allowable uses.
  - Estimate of required funding.
  - Entity that will be the point of contact and responsible for managing the funds.

